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1-7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently amended) ~~A method for encoding a user interface which comprises an information section and a display section, the method comprising:~~

dividing an the information section of a user interface into a plurality of macroblocks, the user interface including the information section and a display section, the information section including a plurality of background stripes, the macroblocks not crossing any border between two adjacent background stripes;

forward transforming each macroblock to generate a transformed image;
quantizing the transformed image to generate a quantized image; and
encoding the quantized image to generate an encoded image of each macroblock;

~~where the information section includes background stripes, and~~
~~where the macroblocks do not cross any border between two adjacent background stripes.~~

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently amended) The method of claim 8, further comprising:

~~low-pass filtering the transformed image to generate a filtered image;~~
~~quantizing the filtered image to generate a quantized image;~~
~~encoding the quantized image to generate an encoded image of the information section; and~~

~~encoding a blank background for the display section by skip encoding, when subsequent values of the display section do not change from corresponding intra-coded values at a predetermined time;~~

~~wherein the information section includes background stripes.~~

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11. (Currently amended) The method of claim 108, wherein the low-pass filtering reduces visual defects from encoding of the background stripes.
12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8, wherein lossless encoding is applied to the quantized image.